

Biomedical Ethics and Regulatory Capacity Building Partnership for Portuguese Speaking African Countries (BERC-Luso)

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Background

BERC-Luso is a project for Ethics and Regulatory Capacity Building to be developed in 4 sub-Saharan African countries – Angola, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique and Cape Verde –, engaging NECs and NRAs (6 institutions), with the partnership of 4 Portuguese institutions (experts in ethical review and regulatory supervision), to be implemented in 2018-2021.

Consortium and management structures Organogram



Results



Timetable

work packages and activities	Time line (of 36 months)
WP1 – De legis	
1.1 – Study of Legislation	01-07
1.2 – High-level debate	08-10
1.3 – Recommendations	11-12
WP2 – De educationis	
2.1 – Educational Program	16-17
WP3 – De praxis	
3.1 – Intensive Training	22-23
3.2 – Digital support material	15-24
WP4 – De rete	
4.1 – Web networks	02-04; 08-10; 16-18; 22-24
4.2 – Digital platform	10-28
4.3 – Finalization	32-34

Conclusion

BERC-Luso will unfold at four different levels, each one aiming a specific goal in converging dynamics:

- 1. Legislative.** Presentation of a comparative study of the Portuguese Speaking African Partner Countries' legislation on NECs and NRAs, and of recommendations for revision, in compliance with the international requirements. The goal is to promote adequate legislation internationally recognized.
- 2. Educational.** Implementation of intensive and comprehensive Education Program, both theoretical and practical, reflexive and normative, ethical and legal, addressing the needs of the countries involved, within their cultural contexts, and in their own mother tongue. The goal is to promote capacity building.
- 3. Training.** Organization of intensive internship, demanding participants to accurately apply everything they have learned to their everyday practice. The goal is to have knowledgeable and skilled experts.
- 4. Networking.** Build powerful digital tools to connect partner institutions, staff and participants along the project and beyond, creating a digital repository of documents, and different tools for ethical and regulatory evaluation.

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